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MARCH U.S. TRADE IN LIVESTOCK MEAT, AND MEAT PRODUCTS

March exports of livestock, meat, and meat products were valued at $140 million—a new high and double the year earlier level. Record shipments of 24 million pounds of pork to Japan and continued high cattlehide exports to the same country both at export prices substantially greater than a year ago provided most of the gain.

March imports were valued at $150 million—down about 3 percent from the previous month, primarily due to reduced entries of beef and veal from Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, and Brazil. Beef and veal imports for the first quarter of 1973 at 233 million pounds, however, were 15 percent above a year ago. Pork imports for the period were off by about 20 million pounds as a result of fewer entries of canned hams and shoulders.

For the first quarter of 1973, U.S. trade in all red meats (including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton, and processed meats) showed a net import balance of 370 million pounds, compared with a net import balance of 408 million pounds in the first quarter of 1972. Exports of all red meats increased from 24 million to 71 million pounds, but still amounted to less than 1 percent of commercial production in the first quarter.

Livestock, meat and meat products: Value of U.S. exports, March and January-March 1973, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	March		January-March		Percent change from 1972	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	March	January-March
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	Percent	Percent
Beef and veal	4,315	7,400	10,941	17,483	+71	+60
Pork	1,683	23,318	4,009	33,468	+1,286	+735
Goat, lamb and mutton (except canned)	98	133	273	309	+36	+13
Sausage, bologna, and frankfurters	265	384	670	1,073	+45	+60
Other meat products:						
Canned 2/	378	827	1,100	1,855	+119	+69
Specialties 3/	258	265	648	682	+3	+5
Variety meats	7,018	10,193	18,913	26,075	+45	+38
Hog, and other natural casings	1,020	1,257	2,841	3,524	+23	+24
Lard	1,648	1,040	5,708	3,894	-37	-32
Tallow and greases 4/	16,496	21,612	48,532	59,198	+31	+22
Fine animal hair	1,008	1,030	4,986	2,628	+2	-47
Other animal hair	438	231	1,820	441	-47	-76
Hides and skins	19,081	44,017	45,324	125,201	+131	+176
Furskins	10,419	14,202	33,348	47,503	+36	+42
Miscellaneous Animal by-products	2,039	4,372	5,367	11,760	+114	+119
Livestock:						
Cattle and calves	2,513	5,420	6,275	13,263	+116	+111
Sheep and lambs	111	95	195	277	-15	+42
Hogs	88	214	623	522	+143	-16
Horses, asses, mules and burros	1,493	4,248	3,627	8,026	+185	+121
Total 5/	70,368	140,256	195,198	357,179	+99	+83

1/ Preliminary.
2/ Includes canned meats and canned baby food.
3/ Frozen dinners, casseroles, and other meat products.
4/ Includes edible and inedible tallow and greases.
5/ May not add due to rounding.

Livestock, meat and meat products: Value of U.S. imports, March and January March 1973, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	March		January-March		Percent change from 1972	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	March	January-March
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	Percent	Percent
Beef and veal	49,939	63,512	159,459	208,357	+27	+31
Pork	29,752	28,128	92,075	83,322	-5	-10
Lamb, mutton and goat	1,606	2,833	3,902	6,182	+76	+58
Other meats 2/	890	680	2,167	2,297	-24	+6
Mixed sausage	372	367	1,107	1,202	-1	+9
Variety meats	228	160	468	785	-30	+68
Meat extract	628	144	1,626	1,460	-77	-10
Casings of animal origin	2,199	2,247	6,669	5,860	+2	-12
Miscellaneous Animal by-products	6,913	7,174	22,873	22,283	+4	-3
Lard	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tallow and greases 3/	34	31	201	69	-9	-66
Wool (clean basis):						
Apparel	1,196	3,779	3,535	11,350	+216	+221
Carpet	2,615	3,270	9,458	12,193	+25	+29
Animal hair	282	907	1,257	1,900	+212	+51
Hides and skins 4/	6,519	9,621	16,312	23,953	+48	+47
Furskins	7,813	8,033	17,582	26,878	+3	+53
Livestock:						
Cattle	17,187	17,935	41,035	55,741	+4	+36
Sheep	5	37	34	121	+640	+256
Hogs	717	451	2,349	1,054	-37	-55
Horses, asses, mules and burros	1,085	684	2,680	2,423	-37	-10
Total 5/	129,980	149,993	384,789	467,430	+15	+21

1/ Preliminary.
2/ Mostly mixed luncheon meats.
3/ Includes edible and inedible tallow and greases.
4/ Beginning 1964, includes value of hides and skins imported in pounds only.
5/ May not add due to rounding.

U.S. exports of meat and selected livestock products, March and January-March 1973, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	March		January-March	
	1972	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Animal fats:				
Lard	14,742	7,167	51,263	30,559
Tallow and greases:				
Inedible	220,532	231,579	621,521	656,885
Edible	1,924	1,110	3,222	2,866
Meats:				
Beef and veal	3,984	5,602	10,466	15,041
Pork	3,767	32,207	9,687	49,048
Goat, lamb, and mutton	99	137	336	353
Sausages	362	456	883	1,421
Meat specialties	556	436	1,066	1,645
Other canned	676	1,259	1,887	3,069
Total red meats 2/	9,444	40,096	24,323	70,577
Variety meats	22,689	24,631	61,429	65,694
Sausage casings (animal origin)	1,348	1,101	3,482	3,243
Animal hair, including mohair	2,942	1,791	13,253	4,295
Hides and skins:				
Cattle parts	919	2,802	3,747	7,065
	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces
Cattle	1,686	1,802	4,110	5,100
Calf	82	154	339	493
Kip	42	46	106	107
Sheep and lamb	418	583	1,196	1,606
Horse	9	5	16	45
Goat and kid	56	6	98	26
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Livestock:				
Cattle and calves	6,369	8,496	15,296	21,709
Sheep, lambs, and goats	8,436	6,533	14,581	26,510
Hogs	761	1,220	3,423	3,831
Horses, asses, mules, and burros	1,150	2,425	3,125	34,814

1/ Preliminary.
2/ May not add due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce
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U.S. imports of meat subject to Meat Import Law (PL 88-482)
March and January March 1973, with comparisons

Imports	March	January-March
	Million pounds	Million pounds
1973		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/	88.3	292.9
Total beef and veal 2/	94.9	328.0
Total red meat 3/	130.8	440.3
1972		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/	75.4	243.0
Total beef and veal 2/	89.7	291.7
Total red meat 3/	135.6	432.1
1971		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/	88.4	236.8
Total beef and veal 2/	101.9	271.0
Total red meat 3/	147.8	390.4

1/ Fresh, chilled and frozen beef, veal, mutton and goat meat, including rejections.

2/ All forms, including canned and preserved.

3/ Total beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton and goat.

U.S. imports of meat subject to Meat Import Law, March
January-March 1973, with comparisons 1/ 2/

Country of origin	March		January-March		Percent change from 1972 January-March
	1972	1973	1972	1973	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Percent
Australia	25,543	39,618	101,602	132,772	+31
New Zealand	17,454	13,052	39,446	48,270	+22
Mexico	9,066	8,170	21,822	29,471	+35
Costa Rica	7,415	8,735	21,369	21,953	+3
Nicaragua	4,755	4,768	14,193	14,762	+4
Guatemala	2,575	3,457	6,868	13,446	+96
Honduras	1,569	3,402	4,984	11,575	+132
Canada	4,121	3,252	12,247	9,847	-20
Dominican Republic	1,303	1,164	2,591	4,193	+62
El Salvador	---	1,668	---	2,876	---
Ireland	864	513	16,388	2,002	-88
Panama	534	371	1,145	1,018	-11
Haiti	163	139	343	570	+66
United Kingdom	---	---	37	114	+208
Total 3/	75,364	88,310	243,035	292,870	+21

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Fresh, frozen and chilled beef, veal, mutton and goat meat including rejections. Excludes canned meat and other prepared or preserved meat products.

3/ May not add due to rounding.

U.S. imports of meat and selected livestock products,
March and January-March 1973, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	March		January-March	
	1972	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Red meats:				
Beef and veal:				
Fresh, chilled, or frozen:				
Bone-in beef	966	701	2,745	1,948
Boneless beef	71,197	83,382	233,153	275,728
Prepared items	4,847	1,020	11,324	2,409
Veal	1,946	2,029	5,013	9,835
Prepared or preserved:				
Canned:				
Corned	6,230	4,171	25,164	22,097
Other	1,017	921	4,960	4,500
Other	3,301	2,277	8,715	10,751
Sausage	220	369	625	740
Total beef and veal 2/	89,724	94,870	291,698	328,009
Pork:				
Fresh, chilled, or frozen	6,226	4,545	18,933	11,867
Canned:				
Hams and shoulders	29,081	21,971	93,855	72,581
Other	2,486	1,414	6,656	5,325
Cured	465	301	1,212	1,018
Sausage	477	556	1,460	1,948
Total pork 2/	38,735	28,787	122,116	92,738
Mutton and goat	1,255	2,197	2,125	5,358
Lamb	3,283	3,381	9,255	8,191
Sausage-mixed	516	452	1,617	1,577
Other meats	2,060	1,111	5,328	4,421
Total red meats 2/	135,573	130,798	432,138	440,295
Variety meats	719	586	1,775	1,949
Edible and inedible tallow and grease	368	328	786	723
Meat extract	108	39	345	391
Wool (clean basis):				
Dutiable	1,870	2,579	5,529	8,470
Duty-free	5,354	3,082	19,315	12,090
Total wool 2/	7,224	5,662	24,844	20,559
Animal hair (clean basis)	299	542	1,258	1,281
Hides and skins:				
Cattle parts	201	101	468	309
Sheep skins pickled and split	931	994	2,594	3,050
	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces
Cattle	23	54	49	128
Calf and kip	16	14	55	44
Buffalo	10	40	103	73
Sheep and lamb	2,119	1,883	5,284	4,230
Goat and kid	285	152	887	661
Horse	15	11	58	28
Pig	11	28	58	65
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Livestock:				
Cattle	164,180	108,044	363,893	363,249
Sheep	7	857	1,027	3,561
Hogs	8,989	4,332	35,799	10,576
Horses, asses, mules, and burros	260	342	585	735

1/ Preliminary.
2/ May not add due to rounding.

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